

MITCHELL OBJECTS.

ALLEGES COMPACT.

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OPPOSE ST. LOUIS ENTERPRISE.

Kansas City Churches Will Fight

Proposed Amusement Park.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8.-Churches and

property owners of the eastern part of the purteenth Ward protest against the estab-

"SOCIALISM JUST AND RIGHT."

Declaration of Gen. Wm. Booth,

Commander of Salvation Army.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 8 .- "The principles o

socialism are just and right," said General

William Booth, founder and commander of

William Booth, founder and commander of the Salvation Army, in an interview, "but it is a celestial law without a celestial peo-ple." General Booth lectured at the Lyceum Theater to-night on "Lessons of My Life." He arrived at noon in a special car from Omaha, accompanied by Consul Booth-Tuck-er, Commander Booth-Tucker, Colonel E. J. Higgins, Colonel John Lawly, The party will leave to-morrow night for St. Louis.

Blanche Walsh in a New Play.

New York, Jan. 8.—Miss Blanche Waish will be the star in the part of Masiova in the Tolstoi play, "Resurrection," which will be produced here on February 16. Miss Walsh will terminate her tour in "The Daughter of Hamilcar" in St. Louis on January 24, and immediately begin preparation for the new production.

Broken Flange Wreeks Train.

Coffeen, Ill., Jan. 8.—As the result of a broken flange fifteen cars of a Clover Leaf freight train were wrecked at Mode, Ill., today. One man was severely injured, having one leg and one arm broken.

Ochiltree's Estate Is \$20,000.

New York, Jan. S.-Virginia May Morris of Texas, a sister of the late Thomas P. Ochiltree, to-day obtained letters of administration on her brother's estate, which consists of about \$20,000 of personal property.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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CRITICISM BY GRAY **AROUSES MITCHELL**

Miners' President Takes Exception to Wish That "Union Lift Itself From Mire."

DISCIPLINE QUESTION RAISED.

Organization Official Unable to Say Whether Men Convicted of Violence Were Expelled by the Mine Workers.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.-The principal feature of the proceeding before the coal strike commission to-day was the exception taken by President Mitchell to a remark made by Chairman Gray, that he would like to see the miners' union come up out of the mire that is around the baser part of it into the sunlight.

The miners' president said the union should not be indicted unless connection could be shown between it and acts of law-

The head of the commission replied that he did not wish to indict the organization, but hoped it would disentangle itself from the violence and lawlessness committed during the strike.

The incident came suddenly, while a witness was on the stand, and caused quite a stir among the lawyers on both sides of the controversy. Outside of this the entire day was taken up in hearing the stories of nonunion men or their relatives of alleged persecution during the period of the strike. The Mitchell incident was brought about

FOREMAN ON STAND.

Anthony Ferguson of Mahanoy City, outside foreman at the North Mahanoy Collery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coul and Iron Company, testified that he foreman with on his way to the works; that he recognized two of his assailants as union men, and that they were prosecuted and convicted.

Mr. Parker saled the cases where murder was involved.

FIRE STARTED BY EXPLOSION.

Family Is Aroused in Family 1.

Mr. Parker asked the witness if the men were expelled from the union for what they had done, but the foreman did not know. Mr. Mitchell has stated on the witness stand that all members of the union found guilty of crime are expelled from the union. Noting the interest the commission took the nonunion men called on Terrence Gin-ley, a member of the Executive Board of union in the district where the assault Ginley said he did not know whether the local union to which the men belonged took any action, and he went on to give a long explanation of how the local unions and individual strikers used every means to dis-perse crowds and help maintain the peace. GRAY'S QUESTION.

"Do you wait for conviction by the civil Do you want for conviction by the civil authorities before disciplining your men? Do you think you can have effective discipline unless you make investigations yourself and bring the men up and punish them in some way? I ask you, as a member of the order and as a man who would be glad to see your order come out of the mire and the clouds that are round the baser parts of it, into the sunlight and into the air of of it, into the sunlight and into the air of of it, into the sunnight and into the air of free government and a free country."
"If it is proven that our men have com-mitted acts of violence, there is no question about our disciplining them," replied the

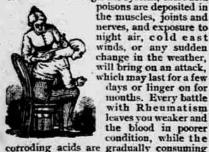
witness.

Then followed a discussion over the Shenandoush riot and the killing of a man, and
in reply to Mr. Mitchell's remark that it
was not the miners who did it, Chairman "But there was a crowd, and as yet I

plication of plasters; in fact anything hat will produce counter-irritation, is good for external treatment of Rheumatist these simple remedies do not reach the seat of the disease nor touch the real cause, and

relief is therefore only temporary.

Rheumatism is due to Uric Acid and other irritant poisons in the blood, and as it circulates through the system, these acid



the blood in poorer condition, while the corroding acids are gradually consuming the oils and fluids that lubricate the muscles and joints, and they become stiff and some-

Rheumatism, with its sharp, cutting pains, can never be conquered until the acid blood has been cleansed and purified, and all irritating substances neutralized and and all irritating substances neutralized and filtered out of the system, and nothing does this so promptly and effectually as S. S. S. Under the purifying and tonic effects of this vegetable remedy the blood is not only made pure and strong again, but the general health is rapidly built up and the sufferer obtains happy relief from the torturing, nagging pains of Rheumatism.

Gel rid of Rheu-

Get rid of Rheumatism before it cripples you, or makes you prema-turelyold, peevish Write for our special book on Rheumatism,

LEGISLATURE TO PASS ON MERGER BILLS

Texas Lawmakers Will Have Many Petitions for Consolidation of Railroads to Consider.

MEASURES MAY BE DEFEATED.

Frisco, Rock Island and Other Systems Want to Unify Their Branches in the Lone Star State.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 8 .- Among the most im portant matters which the newly elected Legislature of Texas, which convenes Tuesday at Austin, will have to consider will be the proposed legislation for various railroad

Applications will be made by the Frisch the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the South ern Pacific, the International and Great Northern, the Cotton Belt, the Rock Island and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe for permission to consolidate their respective branches in the State of Texas. In discussing the matter to-day a leading

have heard no evidence of a disciplining voice in that mob, No man there said; 'Shame on the cowards.'"
Mr. Darrow: "You must not expect the railroad companies to furnish that."
The witness said the union would prove that union men tried to prevent the riots, to which Judge Gray replied he hoped so.

MITCHELL ORIGINA branches in the State of Texas.

In discussing the matter to-day a leading railroad man gave it as his opinion that there is little chance of any of the roads being permitted to consolidate for the reason that there are too many of them asking for the same thing at the same time. He suggested that if the companies made application at different times there would likely be favorable action taken by the legislators. But as it is, they will likely be slow in passing special acts to consolidate all the companies that are asking the privilege.

MITCHELL OBJECTS.

There was a further discussion on this subject and then Mr. Mitchell arose and said to Chairman Gray:

"I do not know whether I quite understood you in expressing yourselt to the witness as to your solicitude for the organization that it should rise above the mire or that part of it should rise above the mire." Chairman Gray replied:

"Perhaps I may have been misunderstood. It was not an unfriendly wish that was expressed. I said I hoped it would lift isself out of the mire and of the conditions created by these things which have been testified to, around its baser parts."

Mr. Mitchell in reply said that while the commission is going to determine all the questions that are being presented, there is a greater jury passing upon the attitude of the strikers.

ALLEGES COMPACT. ege.
The Frisco wants to consolidate all its The Frisco wants to consolidincs.

The Southern Pacific will ask to consolidate under the charter of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, which includes the Gulf. West Texas and Pacific, the New York. Texas and Mexican, the Caney Valley, the San Antonio and Gulf and the Gonzales branch.

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The International and Great Northern degrees to consolidate with its lines at Beaumont, Houston and Palestine.

The Missouri, Kanasa and Texas wishes to consolidate the following lines: The Denison and Washita Valley and the branch from Granger to Austin and Lockhart.

The Cotton Belt wants to absorb its new line to Orange.

The Rock Island wishes to merge its entire Southwestern system, including the Chicago, Rock Island and Guif, the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas, the Chicago, Rock Island and Mexico, and the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Texas. The Guif, Colorado and Santa Fe wishes to annex its Beaumont line.

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"As to the action of our organization and the position of the coal operators," he said, "there is no doubt in my mind that many of the witnesses are brought here and do not come as witnesses ordinarily do to testify against the strikers and indirectly against the United Mine Workers. It does seem to me, until there is some connection shown between the United Mine Workers of America and acts of lawlessness, the organization should not be placed under any indictment at all."

Chairman Gray said that he did not wish Mr. Mitchell to understand ment at all."

Chairman Gray said that he did not wish Mr. Mitchell to understand that anything he said indicated the organization.

"I did hope," continued the Commissioner, "that it would disentangle itself entirely from these scenes of violence and lawlessness with which the strike was attended. They may have been exaggerated, as you contend. I am not bassing upon that now. We have heard of isolated instances of outgage which we must all admit.

If the Legislature grants all these consol If the Legislature grants all these consolidations it will cut out very few employes in the train and track service, but will effect the general offices very materially, as a merger of the different railroad companies in Texas will abolish many general offices, thereby dispensing with the services of several hundred office men.

Next in importance to the railroad consolidations desired will be the presentation of bills affecting electrical railways in Texas.

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Not less than \$100,000,000 of Eastern capital, principally of Boston identity, is waiting to be utilized in consolidating street railways and interurban lines, and developing a network of systems of the latter over the eastern half of the State. "Electricity" will be a paramount issue in the Texas Legislature before the session is very far advanced.

LOREE CONFIRMS READING SALE. anderbilts and Baltimore and Ohio

We have heard of isolated instances of outrage which we must all admit.

"We are not saying that the organization is responsible for every act of violence, and we only wanted to see whether the organization has interested itself in maintaining the order which you have advised, and whether it has disciplined those who actually were convicted of disorder."

After several other witnesses had testified to acts of violence alleged to have been committed by the strikers, counsel for the miners interrupted the proceedings by saying that President George F. Bacr of the Reading Company and John Markle had told President Roosevelt that twenty-one murders had been committed in the coal region during the strike and he wanted the operators to have an opportunity to prove this assertion. Mitchell said: "We request them to prove it." Baltimore, Jan. 8.-President Loree of th altimore and Ohio Rallroad to-day officially confirmed the published report of the purchase for his company of stock in the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and the subsequent sale of a part of that stock through the Pennsylvania Company to the Vanderbilt Interests.

Vanderbilt Interests.

He said that the control of the Reading was acquired by the Pennsylvania road on behalf of the Baltimore and Ohio road through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Of a total of 2,800,000 shares, this firm secured between 1,300,000 and 1,400,000 shares in the interest of the Pennsylvania. This was largely preferred stock. Then the Vanderbilts and the Baltimore and Ohio were invited to take these purchases between them.

This was to bring the Reading into the avenue, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, endangered the lives of three persons, who were asleep in the second floor of the build-

were asleep in the second floor of the building, and caused damage estimated at \$1,500. Two alarms were sent in, one from a box at Bartmer and Hodiamont avenues, and the other at Maple and Hodiamont avenues. Three engine companies responded, but the condition of one of the fire plugs caused delay in fighting the flames, which spread rapidly.

Motorman William Wahl of the Suburban Line and his wife occupy the apartments above the bakery. Henry Oaths, an Olive street conductor, rooms with them. All three were asleep when the fire started and Wahl, who was first to awake, found his room full of smoke. Mrs. Wahl has been ill several days and her husband, drawing a long ulster over his night clothes, wrapped her in a blanket, and barefooted carried her her across the street to the home of a neighbor. This was to bring the Reading into the community-of-ownership scheme originated by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central without conflicting with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, which prohibit the Pennsylvania Railroad from owning control of a competing line.

The Vanderbilts nominated the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad to take up their share of the purchase, and the transaction involved the issuing of about \$25,000,000 in bonds.

The Pennsylvania selected the Baltimore and Ohio, and this company financed the requirements by part of the money derived from the recent sale of \$42,500,000 of stock.

President Loree said that the deals make a substantial addition to the mileage operated under the B. & O. influence, doubling the same, as follows: Present Railimore and Ohio system, 4,400 miles; mileage affected by deal, 4,465 miles; total, 8,805.

Mr. Loree said that the management of the Reading would continue as at present. her in a blanket, and burefooted carried her her across the street to the home of a neighbor.

Returning to the burning house, Wahl aroused Oaths with considerable difficulty and got him out of the house just as the engines dashed up to the scene.

Fire and water damaged Wahl's furniture about \$200, which is insured. Walker & Egloff lost about \$800 on their store fixtures and stock, and the damage to the building which is owned by the American Brewing Company, is estimated at \$500.

DINNER GIVEN TO MR. ELTING. riends Celebrated His Approaching

Enlistment in Army of Benedicts. A complimentary dinner was given to foward Eiting, local freight agent of the furlington Route, by the members of the

A complimentary dinner was given to Howard Elting, local freight agent of the Burlington Route, by the members of the St. Louis Local Freight Agents' Association at Meisheimer's Cafe, last Saturday evening. Mr. Elting is a very popular member of the railroad fraternity. He is to be married soon and the dinner was given in honor of the event.

The following were present: Howard Elting, agent St. L. K. & N. W. R. R.; John A. Roederer, agent Wabash Railroad; C. F. Irwin, freight agent St. Louis Transfer Company; R. O. Wells, agent Illinois Central Railroad; T. P. Adams, agent Missouri Pacific Railway; C. J. Snell, agent Missouri Pacific Railway; C. J. Snell, agent Missouri Ferry Company; L. B. Lewis, agent Berry Company; L. B. Lewis, agent R. & O. S.-W. Ry.; F. X. Rederer, agent Terminal Railroad Association; E. G. Hicks, agent M., K. & T. Ry.; A. Hamilton, assistant terminal superintendent Burlington Route; J. M. Kelley, agent T., St. L. & W. R. R.; William Pratt, agent C. & A. R. R.; William Pratt, agent C. & A. R. R.; L. Rausch, freight agent St. L. & B. E. Ry.; John Fitzpatrick, agent Vandalla Line; R. R. Harris, agent Big Four Railroad; H. E. Watkins, agent Wiggins Ferry Company; R. M. Scally, agent Wiggins Ferry Company; R. M. Scally, agent Wiggins Ferry Company; R. A. Peyinghaus, agent M. & O. R. R.; R. Jackson, agent St. L. K. C. & Colo. R. R.; A. R. Peyinghaus, agent M. W. M. Prall, manager Central Car Service Association. lishment ward protest against the establishment of the new Amusement Park by St.
Louis men at the end of the Independence
Avenue car line. A meeting will be held
next Sunday at the Oakley M. E. Church,
on Elmwood avenue, near Independence avenue, for that purpose. All six churches in
that vicinity have elected committees to
work against the establishment of a park
with a beer-selling annex.

The amusement park against which the with a beer-selling annex.

The amusement park against which the churches of the community are aroused is the one projected by Colonel J. D. Hopkins, manager of Forest Park Highlands in St. Louis, and Max Orthwein of the well-known St. Louis family of that name. These men secured a ten-year lease on ten acres and a corporation was to be formed to establish a modern amusement park.

NO POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE.

General Manager of Santa Fe Says Relations Are Harmonious. Topeka, Kas., Jan. 8.-There is no possi bility of a strike being inaugurated by the Santa Fe conductors and trainmen. General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe, re-

eral Manuger Mudge of the Santa Fe, received a dispatch to-day to the effect that a rumor of a strike was circulated in Wall street. Mr. Mudge said:

"The Santa Fe was unable to accede to either of the requests made upon us, and we so informed the representatives of the trainmen and conductors. We had a short conference, but there was absolutely nothing to cause any break in the harmonious relations existing between the roads and its employes. There is not the least danger of a strike and nothing to indicate one.

"I stated to the committee that we found it impossible to meet their request for a raise in wages. We were not able to comply with the demand for the change regarding doublebeader trains, inasmuch as our method of running trains is only in line with the demands of present business conditions."

Arbitrators Settle Dispute. Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—The dispute between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pittsburg, Carnegle and Western Railroad, the Wabash extension, over the height of the elevated structure of the Wabash, was settled to-day by a board of arbitration. The details of the agreement were not made public.

Will Continue Conference.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 8.—President Horace G.
Burt of the Union Pacific Railroad arrived home from New York to-day. He had little to say about the conferences held with leaders of the striking machinists and boilermakers, merely saying that conferences would be continued in this rity next week, at which time representatives of the

strikers from different parts of the system would be here. The representatives of the trainmen and conductors, who have been in the city, waiting for Mr. Burt to re-turn, expect to meet him in a conference

REQUEST DATE FOR CONFERENCE. Trainmen and Conductors Can Xov Settle Wage Increase Demand.

A general request was made by the train-men and conductors' wage increase com-nittees yesterday on the officials of the Western roads for a date to be set for a onference.

conference.

The officials of the roads were given to understand that since the arrival of P. H. Morrissey and A. E. Garretson, officers of the trainmen's and conductors' orders, the committees are in a position to discuss the matter of wage increase and make terms in matter of wage increase and make terms. matter of wage increase and make terms by mutual agreement.

Heretofore the representatives of the or-ders were under instructions to ask for a 30 per cent increase, and more pay or addi-tional men on trains containing thirty cars, or drawn by two locomotives, and did not have the authority 10 agree on different terms.

terms.

The officers of the roads declined to consider the matter of additional pay or more men on trains of this sort and would not grant the increase. This necessizated the presence of Messrs. Morrissey and Garrat-

A railroad official of a Western road, in A national official of a Western road, in discussing the matter, said: "There is no question but that we will come to a settlement without the least friction. It may be a matter of days or it may be weeks. We may spend several days discussing some point, but unquestionably there will be no trouble.

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"Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Garretson are gentlemen for whom I entertain the highest respect. Both of them are men of chility and thoroughly able and willing to weigh both sides of the question with fairness."

Owing to the absence of several of the officials from the city a hearing cannot be obtained from them for several days.

Each road will hold a conference of trainmen who are in its employ. When a definite men who are in its employ. When a definite understanding has been reached or some

DEMAND FOR INCREASE GRANTED Atchison and Topeka Engineers' and Firemen's Wages Raised.

Chicago, Jan. 8 .- The demand for an inrease in pay of the engineers and firemer of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad has been favorably acted upon, and

General Manager Cramer of the railroad men's organization, who presented the petition to the company, left last night for his home in St. Louis.

"It was not a large amount that was involved, and it was granted," said J. W. Kendrick of the railroad company last night. "In all it amounted to about \$30,000 increase in the pay roll annually. It did not affect the trailmen, only the engineers and firemen on the West end of the system. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION LET Missouri, Kansas and Texas Will Build to Coal Gate, I. T.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Oklahoma City, Ok., Jan. 8.-The contract for the construction of the branch line o for the construction of the branch line of the Missouri. Kansas and Texas, which is to extend from this place to Coal Gate, I. T., a distance of about 130 miles, was let here to-day to McArthur Bros. of Chicago. It is estimated that the line will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. It is to be completed and in operation by the close of the year. The line connects here with the line from Stevens, I. T., which the Katy is building.

Contract Let for "Katy" Branch. Contract Let for "Katy" Branch.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Jan. 8.—Contract was let here to-day for construction of the Texas and Oklahoma Ballroad, a branch of the "Katy." from Oklahoma City to Coal Gate, a distance of 130 miles southenst, where it will connect with the Texas line of the "Katy." The contract was awarded to McArthur Brothers of Chicago, and stipulates that the line will be in operation by the last of August. Work will begin next week along all parts of the line. The same system is now building from Stevens, I. T., to Oklahoma City, and the contract let to-day is a continuation of the main line southeast of this city.

Deny Purchase of Stock Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day denied the truth of the statement that the company had purchased a large block of Reading Railway stock and subsequently sold it to the New York Central. It was stated by the Pennsylvania officials that the Pennsylvania had no interest in the Reading Company, either directly or indirectly.

Railroad Buys Two Steamers. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Laredo, Tex., Jan. 8.—A Guaymas, Mexico, special says: The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company has completed a contract for the purchase of two steamers to ply between the ports of Mexico. The steamers will fly the Mexican flag. Officials Coming to St. Louis.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 8.—General Manager L. S. Thorne of the Texas and Pacific and Leroy Trice of the International and Great Northern have gone to St. Louis, where it is said they will confer with the Missouri Pacific officials regarding the wage scale of the companies' employes in the State of Texas.

To Correct Half-Rate Abuses.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Passenger Association to-day the agreement regarding the issuance of half-rate tickets was reaffirmed. It was decided to make another effort to correct some of the abuses which have crept into the use of the half-rate privilege. The committee failed to reach a uniform agreement regarding the hauling of Fish Commission cars.

ILLNESS OF BRIDEGROOM PREVENTED CHURCH WEDDING

Edwards Were Married at the Home of the Former.

Illiness of the bridegroom delayed the vedding of Mr. Irwin Donovan and Miss Laura Virginia Edwards, a popular St. Louis woman, which was to have taken place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in stead avenues. The ceremony was per-formed, however, shortly before 5 o'clock in the evening at the Donovan home, No. 2037 Pine street, the Reverend Father P. F.

Mr. Donovan was attacked with a fainting spell while preparing for the wedding,
and, although his condition was not considered serious by the attending physician,
Doctor S. L. Gettys, his relatives deemed it
wise to suspend plans for the church wedding, fearing that the strain accompanying
such a ceremony would have a bad effect
upon him.

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Several invited guests had already assembled at the church when Father O'Reily was notified of Mr. Donovan's unfortunate attack, and they received the announcement of the wedding's postponement with re-

attack, and they received the announcement of the wedding's postponement with regret.

Later in the day when Father O'Relly called at the Donovan home to see how the patient was faring, he found him sitting up in, bed taking nourishment, and, after a consultation with the members of leth families, who were gathered about, it was decided that the ceremony should be performed at the house.

Accordingly the wedding took place without further delay. No dispensation was necessary as the bridegroom's lliness was sufficient excuse for the ceremony not taking place in the church.

One of the reasons for not wishing the ceremony delayed was that the young couple were anxious to start on an Eastern tour, the planning of which had involved painstaking, and, which they did not wish to disturb. They were to have departed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but as a result of the unfortunate occurence, their departure will be delayed brobably for a day or so.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. N. Edwards of Westminister Place and their wedding was anticipated as one of the season's interesting society events.

It was announced last night that Mr. Donovan was improving rapidly and his complete recovery is considered but a matter of hours.

James W. Swayae III at New York.

Former Wealthy Citizen Bankrupt. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Evansville, Ind., Jan. 8.—Henry W. Dixon of Possey County, Indiana, filed a schedule of bankruptcy here to-day. His liabilities are \$8,000, and his assets are \$8,000. He was formerly one of the wealthlest men in Possey County.

SCARCITY OF SCHOOL TEACHERS THREATENED

Waiting List Contains the Names of Only One Hundred Persons Eligible for Positions.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED.

Propositions Made to Use High School Pupils as Apprentice Tutors and Reopen the Normal Institution.

The scarcity of available candidates eligible for positions as teachers in the public of Education to a relization of the emeryear unless the supply is immediately aug-

In order to relieve the situation, which all acknowledge a grave one, the board at its meeting next Tuesday evening will con-sider the advisability of the adoption of a esolution providing for the employment apprentice teachers of pupils of the High School who have completed the classic and scientific courses, the two most importan n the curriculum

The employment of these apprentices will be only temporary, until the new Normal School can be completed, which will be within eighteen months.

With the Normal School completed and in unning order, the conditions now obtaining will be ameliorated, as the number of graduates will, it is believed, be amply sufficient to meet the demands for additional teachers for many years to cor NORMAL SCHOOL RELIEF.

The present dearth of teachers is the direct result of the discontinuance of the Normal School, which was abolished by the Board of Education in 1898. Pupils who had taken the four-year course in the High School, who wished to qualify for positions as teachers, were eligible to admission to the two-year course in the Normal School. At the end of the Normal School course the graduates were placed on the eligible list, from which appointments as school teachers were made as occasion demanded For several years, in the decade preced-ing the abelishment of the Normal School the average number of graduates was 12 As the vacances only averaged seventy-five to eighty, this left a surplus of seventy to seventy-five on the eligible list each year, and in 1898 there were enrolled on the "waiting list." the names of 700 graduates eligible for appointment as teachers. As the supply at that time was far in excess of the demand, and the expenses of conducting this branch of the educational system was heavy, the Board of Education sought by various means to curtail the expense and reduce the number of eligibles. At one time the clamor for appointments was so vigorous that the School Board adopted a rule making married women incligible to hold positions as teachers. While this met favor in certain quarters and created vacancies for many on the eligible list, it also caused such vigorous opposition from the public that it became virtually a dead letter. "waiting list," the names of 700 graduates

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Eventually the Board of Education aboished the Normal School, and shut off the supply of graduates. Now the pendulum has swung to the other extreme and the board finds itself confronted by an alarming scarcity of teachers.

Discussing the situation yesterday Superintendent Soldan sald:

"There is at present no scarcity of teachers, strictly speaking, but a scarcity of material available to meet the needs of the immediate future, and it is to relieve this situation that the board will consider the advisibility of providing apprantice teachers from those pupils of the High School who have completed the scientific and classic courses.

"The dearth of names on our list of eligibles is due, of course, directly to the discontinuance of the Normal School, which cut off our supply of graduates. In the ordinary scholastic year we have from eighty to 100 vacancies to fill, caused by resignations.

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"In the last few years the erection of new schools and the enlarging of other schools have caused an increased demand for teachers. In 1898, when the Normal School was a school of the ers. In 1838, when the Normal School closed, there were 790 names on the eligible list, which, in the ordinary course of events, would have sufficed to fill all the vacancies for nearly ten years. But the rapid growth and increase of our school system has made such inroads upon this list that to-day we have only 100 available for appointment.

LIST ALMOST EXHAUSTED. "This number will be used up within a year, and unless some immediate provision is made we will be in a serious fix next

year.

"The board has already authorized the erection of a new Normal School, but it will not be completed for a year and a half, and it is to avoid any embarrassing situation which might have a tendency to hinder or retard the progress of our schools or the cause of education that the proposition has been submitted to utilize as apprentice has been submitted to utilize as apprentice teachers the pupils of the High School, who have completed the scientific and classical

courses,
"This subject of the necessity for providing an adequate supply of graduates is a very important one, and I have devoted considerable space to it in my annual report, which will be forthcoming in a few weeks."

BEN SWINGLEY TO RESIGN AS SECRETARY TO FATHER.

of the Fire Chief Probably Will Be Succeeded by Robert Jenks,

Ben Swingley, secretary to his father, the Chief of the Fire Department, will resign that position next Thursday, January 15, to become Southwestern agent for the Inter national Fire Engine Company of New York, which concern has contracted to furnish the equipment for the World's Fair

Fire Department. It is probable that Mr. Swingley will be succeeded by Robert Jenks, who is at present assistant secretary to the Chief. Mr. Jenks has been mentioned for the place, and, although the Chief will not commit himself regarding whom he intends to ap-point, the former is generally conceded to be the logical successor to young Swingley. In addition to his being fitted for the place.

ter of hours.

James W. Swayne III at New York.

New York, Jan. 8.—James W. Swayne of the Hogg-Swayne Syndicate, of Beaumont, Tex., who came to New York several weeking, o, is suffering from pneumonia. The attending physician says Mr. Swayne has passed the danger point of the attack, and is now convalescent.

applied for such a document in this county before. James V. Brown of De Soto, 30 years old, and Mrs. M. J. Chandler, aged 80, of Chicago, are the principals. The county have kept up a warm correspondence since. The aged bridegroom elect announced to the clerk that the wedding would occur sunday. Mr. Brown is the owner of the De Soto Hotel in his home town.

REMARRIED AFTER

This Enoch Arden Found His Wife a REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vandalia, Ill., Jan. 8.—A wedding under rather peculiar circumstances took place at Shobonier, this county, Monday evening when John Sawrie of Kansas City, Mo., married Mrs. Jennie Thompson of Shobo-



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nier. Shortly after the Civil War the contracting parties were married, and they resided in this county several years afterwards. Later Sawrie left this part of the country. Mrs. Sawrie waited patiently for several years the return of her husband. Finally, believing him to be dead, Mrs. Sawrie secured a divorce and took unto herself another husband, Mr. Robert Thompson, who died about a year ago.

Shortly after the death of Thompson, William Sawrie, the eldest son of the missing Sawrie, learned of the whereabouts of his father. A reconciliation was affected between the parents, and a few days ago Sawrie, after an absence of twenty-five years, returned and again claimed his first and only wife.

MARRIED AT HIGH NOON. Zollie Block of St. Louis Weds Miss Anna Wood of Hardin, Ill. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hardin, Ill., Jan. 8.-Mr. Zollie Block of St Hardin, Ill., Jan. 8.—Mr. Zollie Block of St.
Louis and Miss Anna Wood were married at
high noon to-day at the home of the bride
near Hamburg.

The bride is the only daughter of C. L.
Wood. At a contest held in this county several years ago she was declared the most
popular young lady in Calhoun County by
an overwhelming vote, and her portrait, a
beautiful oil painting, adorned the ladies'
cabin of the new short-line Mississippi
steamer Belle of Calhoun for several
seasons.

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Mr. Block, the bridegroom, was first clerk on the Belle of Calhoun last season. The happy couple will leave to-morrow for St. Louis, where they will at once go to house-keeping at No. 365 Kensington avenue.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED. Jorle Grenville.

London, Jan. 8.—The Star to-day an-nounces the engagement of Lord Dalmeny, eldest son of the Earl of Rosebery, to Lady Marjorie Grenville, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Warwick. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Marshall, Mo., Jan. 8.-Mr. Samuel Z. Frieven and Miss Dora Hageard, both of Wanamaker, were matried yesterday by the Reverend D. C. Bolton.

GREY-BRAZELTON. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Evansville Ind. Jan. 8.—Mr. Edward Grey and Miss Beaulah Brazelton of Petersburg, Ind., were married here to-day. They went to Memphis to spend their honeymoon.

PARIS-WASHKUN.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Staunton, Ill., Jan. 8.-Mr. Joe Paris and Mis Caroline Washkun of this city were married her-to-day. OETTELE-MILLER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Hardin, Ill., Jan. 8.—Mr. Phillip Oettle of Michael and Miss Emma Miller of Degerila were married to-day at the Michael parsonage. BROOKS—DRENNEN. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

SHORT-WILLIAMS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Terrel, Tex., Jan. 8.—Mr. T. B. Short and Miss.
Ross. Williams were married here last night,
the Reverend W. H. Kendall, paster of the First
Baptist Church, officiating.

HARRISBURG WEDDINGS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Harrisburg, Ill., Jan. 8.-Mr. Frank Hall of



proaches this change with a dread of its effect born of her knowledge of the sufferings of other women at this season.

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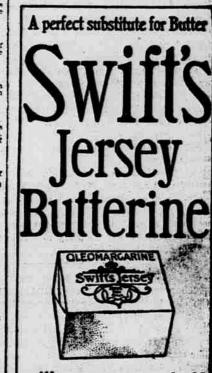
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St. Louis and Miss Lucy Shelton of Galaton were married at the bride's home to-day. Mr. G. R. Foster and Susia Breedwell of Broughton were married here yesterday.

Fire Destroys Law Library. " Mount Vernon, Ind., Jan. &-The law of

faces of Major G. V. Menzies and Prose-cutor William Espenschied were destroyed, by fire early this morning. The Menzies law library, one of the most valuable in the State, part of which was collected by the late George Hovey, was totally destroyed. Loss to building and contents, \$5,000. De-penschied's loss is \$2,000, partly insured. Hoop Company Plant Destroyed,

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 8.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Evansville Hoop Company, at Brockport, Ill., opposite here, at 5 o'clock this morning. The loss is \$5,000, with \$1,500 insurance.



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